

# MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

**JUNE 20, 2017**

**6:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 270 West 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:** The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

**PRAYER:** Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

**ROLL CALL:** Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier, and Gary Cameron answered roll call. Also present were City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse, and Kate Thurston, *Rushville Republican*.

**MINUTES:** Conner moved to approve the minutes with 2 minor adjustments previously made by Councilman Berkemeier via e-mail. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor's items will be addressed under Brian Sheehan's update report.

**CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT:** Copley informed Council that she is still waiting on a couple of budgets. She informed them that the budget workshop with the DLFG will be August 9 at 8:30.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** None.

## **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Street** – Commissioner Miller announced that the sidewalk program will end July 1.

Miller informed Council that Brian Crabtree is currently working at Smiley Avenue and will be training tomorrow to assist with the tox-away program.

**Police** – Chief Tucker said Josh Clifton will go to the Law Enforcement Academy in October.

He also said the July 4<sup>th</sup> traffic route for the parade will be the same as the previous year.

**Fire** – Assistant Chief Munson said the station renovations are moving forward. They should begin painting July 10. He invited Council to stop by to see what has been done.

**Sheehan Update Report:** Brian Sheehan gave an update on City projects with a handout for further details as follows:

- He presented a transformative list of many businesses.
- A list was provided of things that would be coming soon.
- Transferable items.
- Community Awareness – Post Stellar.
- Sharpening the Saw.

Sheehan provided an additional handout regarding Stellar as follows:

- **The overlook** design phase, preparing for teardown, estimated timeline.
- **Campaign Quarters** – not much has changed. It is taped off for an environmental review.
- **Commercial Revitalization** – Open houses have been held.
- **Neighborhood Revitalization/Owner Occupied** – We have had open houses. The area has been expanded to cover the entire City. 17 applications have been received. Two of those may not be eligible. The program will provide 13 homes up to \$15,000.00 of improvement.
- **Morgan Street Corridor** – This is a long way off.
- **City Center** – Duke is moving lines so we can begin teardown of the garage. InterDesign is overseeing the project. We are advertising for bids for the ADA portion. Bids are to be in by August 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **Farmers Market** – The workers are back on the job. We are hoping to have it done by mid-July. We are currently working to connect the Farmer's Market to the City's fiber backbone.  
We have applied for Circle Fund grant. Intern, Mason Gordon has raised 8,600.00.
- **Industrial Park** – Signage is complete. Landscaping will follow, Alfalfa crop is growing.
- **Community Crossing Grant** – 60% is complete on the ADA crossings. We are waiting on paving dates.
- **Cherry Street** – Moving forward.
- **Housing Study** – HWC has submitted a master drain plan to the Drainage Board.
- **Animal Shelter** – Nothing new.
- **Stellar Youth Engagement Team** – This went well and we will do it again next year.
- **Downtown Willkie parking lot** – Working to expand parking to support area business and the Farmer's Market.
- **Dog park** – Continue to meet to discuss options.
- **Regional Training Center** – ECDC led the project. McCane is working to secure a tenant.
- **BEP** – We have been pulling woodwork for future use from 434 N Harrison.
- **Cotton Bridge** – We have new banners. Hope to have a dedication July 4<sup>th</sup>.
- **211 N Main** – The property has been gutted. We believe we have an interested party.
- **217 N Main** – This has also been gutted. We have office equipment stored at the building. We also have a proposal from Christy's Boutique.
- **Taff building** – We are looking for a tenant.
- **Graham School** – Having conversation with the Masons. There was a "no further action letter" received from IDEM.
- **Old Park Restaurant** – Waiting to hear back from the school.
- **Concert Series** – Off to a great start. We did some promotional with WISH TV and WTHR. We are reaching a large amount of people with our facebook post.

- **Intern Program** – Mason Gordon has been a major resource working on Farmer’s Market. He is also working on the downtown WIFI with the Mayor; and has created Instagram. Nate Robert-Eze has been updating our GIS. He is creating city logo merchandise along with a facade design. Jacob Kirchoff has been working with Nate on the GIS. He is working on updates for the trails and Frisbee golf.
- **Trash Program** – Three companies are being considered due to mileage. We are working on comparing numbers. We will try to have a sample RFP for review at the next meeting.

***Councilman Berkemeier left the meeting.***

**CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS:** None.

**PLANNING & ZONING:** Nothing

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **Employee Policy Adjustments** – Will schedule a meeting.
2. **Resolution and Assessment Agreement Coordination** – Newhouse will review the documents. We will need to rescind the old documents and adopt new more accurate data.
3. **Police Body Cameras** – Chief Tucker provided updated information with a reduction in prices. The cost without financing is \$102,811.00. This includes 11 in car systems and 3 additional body cameras. Tucker said he believes he will need to finance \$70,185.00, which does not include interest or fees. He believes he can come up with \$32,626.00 through other options. He said these are only estimates. He hopes to have final numbers at the next meeting. Cameron moved to table. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Emerson CF1** – Earl Jacobs was present to represent Emerson. Councilman Smith thanked Jacobs for giving back and investing in the community. Smith then moved to approve the CF1’s for personal property and real estate. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Budgets** – Mayor Pavey said we are working on 2018 budgets. Once all the budgets are in we will meet with the Department Heads before getting the numbers to Council.
3. **Traffic Study** - Chief Tucker said they were requested to do a traffic study regarding the speed zone on State Road 3 & 52. He said there have been very few crashes and those crashes have not been speed related. He contacted Indot due to the area being state highways. The request from the citizens was to lower the speed zone to 30 miles per hour and extend to the edge of the City limits. After doing the study Indot came back

and said the current 40 mile an hour limit is insufficient for Indot standards and recommended to raise the speed to 45 instead of lowering as citizens requested. They would also increase the length of the speed zone. They said there was not sufficient data to recommend that it be lowered and this would conform to their current standards. They also proposed additional signage to indicate that the speed would change.

**CLAIMS & BANK REC** - Conner questioned the pool painting claim that was denied by the Park Board. Copley said that should not have been approved by the Park Board because it was money carried forward from the Cedit fund not the Park budget. Conner moved to approve the claims as presented along with the May 2017 bank reconciliation. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE:** Smith questioned the safety of golf carts on City streets. He said he witnessed a cart with an adult and 4 kids that could have ended up in a very serious accident. He asked if we want to continue. He questioned the City liability. He asked Council for their thoughts. Bridges suggested requiring golf carts to be licensed and have an inspection every year. They would purchase plates from the City. Tucker read our current ordinance. He said it is very vague and does not include ATV's and UTV's. It is recommended by DNR that we have something in writing.

**July 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting:** Due to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July being on our regular scheduled meeting date, our next meeting will be Monday, July 3.

**ADJOURN:** There was no further business to come before Council; Cameron moved to adjourn. Conner seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.